

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

December 2014 – Week 2

Air Date: December 14 – December 20 (Sunday – Saturday)



TITLE: THE BABE OF THE ALAMO

DECEMBER 1834 AND A BESIEGED BABY TEXAN IS BORN.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

DECEMBER 14, 1834. GONZALES. ANGELINA DICKINSON IS BORN INTO TROUBLED TIMES.

BEFORE SHE'S A YEAR OLD, THE TEXAS REVOLUTION BEGINS. SOLDIERS LOOT THEIR HOME, SO HER FAMILY MOVES TO SAN ANTONIO, SEEKING SHELTER IN THE ALAMO.

IN THE FAMOUS BATTLE, HER FATHER DIES BUT HER MOTHER SUSANNA SURVIVES. SANTA ANNA OFFERS TO TAKE BABY ANGELINA BACK TO MEXICO, BUT IS REFUSED.

DUBBED THE BABE OF THE ALAMO, ANGELINA GROWS UP PENNILESS AND ADRIFT. SHE ENDURES SEVERAL FAILED MARRIAGES AND EVEN RESORTS TO PROSTITUTION.

TROUBLED AND FORLORN, SHE DIES IN GALVESTON IN 1869. SHE IS ONLY 35.

ANGELINA DICKINSON WAS BORN, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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